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**THIS CASANOVA TO WED:** Gordon Casanova pays Saddle Brook, N. J., registrar Al Kuzicki for license Monday to wed Marianne Astegher, who accompanies him. Kuzicki is examining envelopes Casanova decorated and sent to Marianne while he

was an Army sergeant in South Vietnam. The Saddle Brook postal clerks became so used to seeing the envelopes that when they stopped arriving, they checked to see if Casanova was all right. (AP Wirephoto)

## ADC Father Told 'It's Job Or Jail'

Two Brought Before Judge

Two fathers whose dependents reported receiving ADC public assistance were ruled in contempt of court Monday by Judge Chester J. Byrns for being in arrears in child support payments.

One father who is unemployed was ordered to get a job or face jail and the other was ordered to execute a wage assignment authorizing his employer to deduct the support payments from his paycheck.

Leo E. Haun, Niles, brought into court on a writ obtained by the friend of the court, was put on one year of probation with the first 10 days to be spent in the county jail. On completion of the 10 days he will be freed and given 30 days to obtain employment. If Haun fails to

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## Casanova Wins Hearts Of Girl, Mail Clerks

Decorated Letters Do It

By PHILIP WECHSLER

SADDLE BROOK, N.J. (AP) — Casanova won the hearts of Marianne Astegher and those of 100 night clerks at the Hackensack Post Office.

For 13 months in Vietnam, Army Sgt. Gordon Casanova of River Edge wrote a letter each day to Marianne, his fiancée, and decorated the envelopes with drawings and romantic messages of "I miss you" and "I love you."

Each night the postal clerks looked forward to Casanova's letters and their decorations and made sure they reached Marianne's home here.

The letters also were marked "DTG" with a number, signifying how many "days to go" Casanova had in Vietnam.

**CLOSE WATCH**

The clerks kept close watch of the countdown and when the letters stopped at "DTG 10," they became worried, thinking perhaps something had happened to the romantic soldier.

But their fears were unfounded. The 21-year-old soldier recently returned from the war unharmed.

Last week the postal clerks sent a letter of their own to Marianne, also 21, asking if everything was all right.

"It seems our nightly chore is over," the clerks wrote, "but it leaves us wondering about the eventual outcome. If there is a wedding how would we get to know, which would give us the feeling of a job well done?"

Casanova and Marianne, who met two years ago shortly before he entered the Army, decided the clerks should know of the outcome.

**CLERKS INVITED**

The couple visited the post office and invited the 100 night clerks to their wedding Jan. 11. The clerks accepted.

"We were really thrilled that people cared and went out of their way to be nice," said Casanova, now an administrative assistant in a chemical company.

Why did he decorate the letters? "To make Marianne happy," he replied. "How much can you do in Vietnam. I always had a couple of hours free time to do it in."

Does Casanova live up to his name?

"As far as I'm concerned, he does," smiled Marianne, an attractive green-eyed blonde, who is a secretary.

And Monday night the couple picked up their marriage license.

No, I'm not going to decorate that," Casanova said.

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## Engineering Whiz Wed To Former BH Woman

**Builder Of Cleveland's New Rapid Transit Setup**

One of the top engineering feats of 1968 was headed by the husband of a former Benton Harbor woman.

Clarence Generette is chief engineer of the Cleveland Transit system and project director of the recently completed rapid surface line linking downtown with the airport.

**BHIS GRAD**  
Mrs. Generette is the former Catherine Allen, a 1944 Benton Harbor high school graduate and daughter of the late Dr. J. U. Allen. She and her husband are frequent visitors at the home of her mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Randall Lynch, 1197 Broadway.

The new Cleveland system is a four-mile extension of the surface line which has been speeded up as solution to metropolitan traffic strangulation.

The project cost \$17 million with two-thirds provided by federal funds.

Cars run every 10 minutes between downtown and Cleveland Hopkins International airport. The trip is 20 minutes while travel time previously ranged from 45 minutes to an hour by auto or bus.

**HONORED AT CEREMONY**

Generette was described as "the young man who built the rapid to the airport" at a ceremony opening the system. He appears younger than his 45 years.

A graduate of Howard university, Generette has been with



CLARENCE GENERETTE

the transit system 22 years. He was named chief engineer of the system and director of the airport rapid project in October, 1967.

# VITAL VIETNAM WAR OIL JUST VANISHES

## Travelers Warning Issued

Cold Wave, Four Inches Of Snow Seen

A combination of zero temperatures and four or more inches of snow predicted for tonight caused the Weather Bureau to issue a "travelers warning" for New Year's Eve.

Holiday celebrants and other motorists were also warned driving visibility may be reduced by blowing snow. Drifting also is in prospect.

Most highways in southwestern Michigan were reported snow-covered and slippery by mid-morning today, as the mercury dropped and snow fell.

**TEMPERATURE DROPS**

An arriving cold wave brought the temperature down swiftly overnight from above-freezing levels last evening. At midnight, the mercury crossed the 32-degree mark on its way down and at 9:30 a.m. had reached 8 degrees on this newspaper's recording thermometer. The weather forecast calls for zero to five above tonight, and a high of 5 to 12 degrees on New Year's Day.

Snowfall was expected to measure one inch or more today, followed by four or more inches tonight.

Most of the remainder of Michigan is in for even colder readings tonight. Much of the lower peninsula is under a forecast of 0 to 10-below, and the Upper Peninsula is expecting -10 to -20.

Meanwhile, telephone and electric utility repair crews continued a struggle to restore service that was disrupted as result of a weekend ice storm. Area hit hardest extended across Ionia, Clinton and Genesee counties and in the Thumb.

## Bad Check Charge Dismissed

Motions to dismiss charges against former Harbert Postmaster David O'Donnohue, 47, and his wife, resulted in dismissal of the charge against Mrs. O'Donnohue in Berrien circuit court Monday.

Action on the dismissal motion for O'Donnohue was taken under advisement.

Judge Chester J. Byrns dismissed a charge of issuing an insufficient fund check for \$1,250 against Mrs. O'Donnohue for lack of evidence of intent to defraud.

Judge Karl F. Ziek took under advisement a motion to dismiss a possession of stolen property charge against O'Donnohue.

**FACE OTHER CHARGES**

The two still face other charges in federal court involving postal money order funds and postal records.

St. Joseph Atty. John Crow represented the couple Monday.

Judge Byrns ruled that a

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### Notice

This newspaper will not publish tomorrow, New Year's Day.



**REUNITED:** Marine Pfc. Dale Melching of Palmdale, Calif., hugs his wife, Linda Sue, and their daughter as the family was reunited Monday following a four-day search by Mrs. Melching. Her husband arrived in Honolulu on rest and recreation leave from Vietnam Friday; so did Linda Sue. But they missed each other and it took until Monday afternoon for the reunion, thanks to newspaper articles in the Honolulu Star-Bulletin. (AP Wirephoto)

## Soldier, Family Reunited---At Last

HONOLULU (AP) — Marine Pfc. Dale R. Melching arrived on five days' leave from Vietnam the same day as his 18-year-old wife and 2½-month-old daughter arrived from California.

But Linda Sue Melching's telegram and letter that she was en route didn't reach him. For three days, she wandered through Honolulu, trying to find him.

Finally, a bartender remembered newspaper stories about her plight, spotted Melching and got them together Monday.

"I was so unhappy," said Mrs. Melching, clutching her daughter Shonya Sue.

"I sent him a telegram and a registered letter over a week before he was supposed to leave Vietnam, and he never received either. So he just figured we wouldn't be here."

Once, on Kalakaua Avenue last Saturday, she spotted him. She said. She called out and ran toward him. But she fell over a bush. When she got to her feet, he was gone.

To newsmen Linda Sue promised on Sunday: "If I can get hold of him, I won't let him go for 48 hours at least."

The bartender directed the 20-year-old Marine to the rest and recreation center, where his wife was waiting. It was the first time Melching had ever seen his daughter.

Melching's leave was extended a day to Wednesday night. Then he goes back to Vietnam.

His wife of 18 months and her baby will fly home to Palmdale, Calif.

## It Just Disappears In Thailand

Senator Who Asked Probe Gets Report

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bribery, forgery, collusion and government laxity led to massive thefts of aircraft and other fuels intended for vital U.S. military operations in Thailand, federal investigators say in an unpublished report to Sen. William Proxmire.

The report of a 10-man General Accounting Office team reveals that at least 5.5 million gallons of petroleum products were stolen during 1967 in the country, where hundreds of U.S. Air Force bombers and fighter planes employed in the Vietnam war are based.

"The full extent of the financial loss to the government is not known at this time," said the report, explaining that the GAO investigators were unable to determine how many more millions of gallons of fuel had been illegally siphoned from the military supply system.

**DID REDS BENEFIT**

Proxmire, who requested the GAO investigation, released the report to The Associated Press. He said it disclosed "a shocking failure" by the government to properly police its supply system, and said there should be a further inquiry to determine whether any of the jet fuel, gasoline, diesel fuel and lubricants ended up in Communist hands.

"There could be grounds for action," said the Wisconsin Democrat. An aide said later that the GAO findings would be sent to the Justice Department for study.

The Defense Department, in a reply attached to the report, said that as a result of an investigation by the Air Force, said "action has been taken against U.S. personnel ranging from fines to five years at hard labor in one instance." It did not list any names.

The thefts were accomplished, the GAO report said, principally through bribery of U.S. personnel and forgery of receipts—many of them made out to military units that didn't exist.

"It seems clear that the responsible officials acted imprudently" in failing to verify that the fuel was received, said the report, which added:

"The theft of fuel, so far as has been detected, was perpetrated primarily by collusion

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All Christmas—Midse. on sale. Schreiber Flower Shop, So. St. Joseph, Ind.

## To Send Copies of Our New Year's Edition ---

The year's news in review with heavy emphasis on Southwestern Michigan—is wrapped up in today's New Year's edition, an annual feature of this newspaper. You may want to keep an extra copy in your scrapbook or send some to people in other places. Use the handy coupon below, or enclose your own list of relatives and friends together with thirty-five cents (35¢) for each copy you wish mailed. No phone orders please. Mail or bring in your list and be sure you have INCLUDED THE PROPER ZIP CODE in the address.

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## THE HERALD-PRESS

### Editorial Page

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## New Year's Is A State Of Mind

Physically, there is little to distinguish between December 31st, January 1st and January 2nd.

The amount of daylight increases slightly and the weather may vary during this 72-hour passage, but except as the daylight diminishes at the onset of summer, the same can be said for any three-day combination in the year.

Why the three days we are now in should hold a significance beyond those other combinations is mental reaction to a calendar established some centuries ago by a distinguished statesman in the Catholic church.

Pope Gregory decreed the time had arrived for the Christian world to observe a time table more accurate than the many conflicting ones then in existence.

His influence and that of his Church was so profound that the Gregorian calendar became a universal standard, one to which other surviving calendars are, in a sense, calibrated.

Gregory applied the anniversary of his faith to the solar theory in choosing a terminal point for one year and the start

of another, yet relied heavily upon Roman mythology to create the new time table.

Janus, the Roman god of opposing faces, was adapted for the Christian calendar.

The ancient Romans revered Janus as the sage with the capacity to look back upon the past and simultaneously to peer forward into the future.

From this unique philosophical concept of time developed by a sophisticated pagan race derives the mental pause which many experience today.

This is the one period in which there seems to be a hesitation in the flow of one day to the next.

There is a sudden realization of another year passing us by, accompanied usually by a wonderment on what we did wrong or how we could have done better and the taking of a promise to improve upon those mistakes in the year ahead.

The record for learning from those errors is not good, but at least the recognition is made, and maybe some distant generation from ours will find that magical formula.

Keep trying, we would guess, is the significance behind New Year's.

## Contrast In Red And White

In recent months, the ideologies of democracy and communism have dramatically demonstrated their differing approaches in philosophy and action to the problems of governing. The contrast is as sharp as black and white.

Events in Czechoslovakia typify the communist approach, a total disregard for the rising aspirations of an enlightened and informed people. In the USSR, the ancient weapons of force and oppression take no account of changing culture, advances in communication or technology, things that give "freedom of the press" a new and almost irresistible dimension. Putting down freedom of the press in the late twentieth century and all that it implies in the life of a nation may eventually prove too much, even for Russian tanks.

If there is such a thing as a wave of the future, the U.S., despite current social turmoil, may well be riding its crest. Here, in recent months, we have seen how the melting pot of democracy has given free rein to new ideas and new scientific developments to the end that people may live and work to-

gether as free men as amicably as possible. Freedom of expression and its corollary, a free press, has made amazing use of new tools of pressroom and air waves in behalf of public enlightenment.

Sometimes the task of bringing the news to the public reaches monumental proportions. A late issue of Life magazine, for example, presents a pictorial essay on the 23 days of study and debate at the highest level of government before the bombing halt of North Viet Nam was called.

It is a masterly presentation and takes the reader behind the scenes where he becomes a witness to conferences between the President, cabinet members, top military and diplomatic advisers and Central Intelligence Agency experts. General Creighton W. Abrams came halfway around the world from Saigon and is pictured with the President expressing the opinion that a bombing halt could take place without the sacrifice of additional U.S. lives in Viet Nam.

On Halloween, 1968, a bombing halt was announced, a calculated unilateral action on the part of the U.S. in an attempt to speed the end of the Viet Nam war. Through the near wizardry of modern pictorial journalism, coupled with freedom to report the news, the U.S. press almost literally brought the American public into the council chambers where the decision to stop the bombing was made.

Another example of the black and white contrast between evolving democratic processes, where science and freedom of expression have reached new heights, and communism's blind repression, took place prior to the U.S. election of 1968. While tanks and troops over ran Prague and Czechoslovakia's political leaders were being thrown in prison for instituting liberal reforms, the pollsters, the computers, the commentators, to say nothing of the candidates, with the help of the "media," as it is popularly known, brought the U.S. Presidential campaign through its last crucial days and 70-million voters went to the polls feeling that they were almost on a first-name basis with the candidates of their choice.

Thus, in the past few months, the peoples of the world have had a chance to judge for themselves the relative merits of governmental systems.

So far, democracy appears more amenable to change than communism. Some will call this a sign of weakness. Others will call it a sign of strength.

Although their heads are studied with anywhere from two to 12 eyes, depending on the species, scorpions apparently perceive only light and dark, National Geographic says.

## Ring In The New!



## GLANCING BACKWARDS

### MILESTONE YEAR FOR RIVER VALLEY

—1 Year Ago—

This past year was a milestone for the River Valley school district as the new \$1.75 million high school was formally opened and its first senior class graduated. The year also included two controversies: One small, over the school's board's decision to purchase a pickup truck from outside the district; one big involving the board's decision to not rehire Robert Decker as Chikaming elementary school principal after the present year.

The year got all to a happy start as an estimated 3,000 residents toured the newly completed River Valley high school Jan. 22. An open house hosted by teachers followed formal dedication and the laying of a cornerstone.

### FACE 1959 WITH OPTIMISM

—10 Years Ago—

Although an economic recession left its mark on local industry in 1958, as the year closes twin city industrialists seem to share an optimistic, if somewhat cautious, outlook for the new year. Many have increased capital outlays and plan more investments in the coming year. It seems to be a consensus that 1959, while not a boom year, will see a steady rise in business fortunes.

Many of the twin city area industries felt the business pinch in 1958 through sales cuts

averaging in the vicinity of 20 per cent under the previous year. Workers assume some of the blow in lay-offs and shortened work weeks.

### NEW YEAR PLANS TOLD

—45 Years Ago—

Admiral Ernest J. King, commander in chief of the fleet, said today that plans are ready for shifting full strength of the United Nations into the war against Japan, probably sometime in 1944.

Preparation of the plans, he said, has been under way for several months and may not wait until defeat of Germany which he agreed with Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower may be expected in 1944.

### BUSINESS FLOURISHES

—35 Years Ago—

St. Joseph's new industry of the past year is flourishing. It is the St. Joseph Mullen Container corporation, operating in the former John L. Cummings company factory building in the central industrial district just west of the Robinson Marine Construction company. A new type food container which is being readily accepted among retailers of the nation, is being manufactured by this concern.

### NEW YEAR'S EDITION

—45 Years Ago—

The Herald-Press today published a New Year's edition of 48 years ago.

## EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor,  
The Herald-Press:

### NO-WIN VIETNAM POLICY MUST END

Before the year ends, let's talk about the Vietnam War. 192 were killed during the week of Dec. 7 and 1,110 were wounded and this is about par. During this same week South Vietnamese losses were 150 killed and 311 wounded bringing their death toll to 73,160 and ours to 30,057.

Every time I see a picture of Dean Rusk, Clark Clifford, Pat McNamara, they look well dressed and comfortable, just talking or at a party having fun. So let's see how much fun our boys are enjoying fighting in the mud and jungles and swamps of South Vietnam with one hand tied behind them and are not permitted to win.

Lt. Robert LoPresti had quite a personal experience: "I stood by, powerless to help, as Marines died because we lacked some critical component. Try as we did, with every resource we had, we could not produce the desperately needed gas." And upon returning to the states, "The same machinery I couldn't get, the same equipment that would have saved the lives of those Marines, was declared 'non-strategic' and shipped to the very countries that supplied the rifles and bullets that are killing our men!"

We are sending steel, rubber, petroleum, copper, tin, lead, zinc, aluminum and important ingredients in the manufacture of rocket fuel, and the list goes on and on. I wish to congratulate Rusk, Clifford, McNamara and others for being able to get the American people to make all this and send it to the Communist bloc of nations and then get it so safely to the Communist enemy with not one ounce destroyed. General Paul Harkins said, "I don't see how we can make South Vietnam safe if we're going to guarantee the Communists that we won't bother supplies going to North Vietnam. . . . But the rules of the politicians are against them. If we lose the war, it will be lost right here, on this side of the ocean. . . . The American people just have to say, 'Let's stop having a no-win policy'."

Gen. Curtis E. LeMay has put it this way: "It is up to the American people to blow the whistle on this whole incredible situation." You can't be blowing the whistle when you are gorging yourself at the snack bar or saturating yourself with fine wines and whiskies. Let's make a more serious decision on New Year's to blow the whistle, and let's resolve to write our congressmen and newly elected President that we want to WIN in Vietnam (not quit), although Mr. Nixon has already said that he doesn't intend to change things. The majority of us here in America want to see that justice is done and want to see this horrible Communist conspiracy defeated, so let's all blow the whistle loud and clear all through the year.

MRS. IRMA COLLIER  
Watervliet

### YOUR FUTURE

Your business and financial affairs should make excellent progress. Today's child will be endowed with fine characteristics.

### IT'S BEEN SAID

When I err every one can see it, but not when I lie.—Goethe.

### HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?

1. The Talmud.
2. Eugene O'Neill.
3. Robert Browning.
4. The household gods of the ancient Romans.
5. In 1815.

## RUTH RAMSEY

## Today's Grab Bag

### THE ANSWER QUICK!

1. What book contains the body of Jewish law and traditions along with the commentaries of the rabbis?
2. Who wrote "The Emperor Jones" and "The Hairy Ape"?
3. What English poet married a noted poetess?
4. What were the lares and penates?
5. In what year was the Battle of Waterloo fought?

### IT HAPPENED TODAY

On this day in 1953, Willie Shoemaker became the first jockey to ride 400 winners in one year.

### WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE

**CURSIVE** — (KUR-siv) — adjective: in flowing strokes with the letters joined together (in writing or printing type).

### DID YOU KNOW . . .

The boomerang is used principally by Australian aborigines.

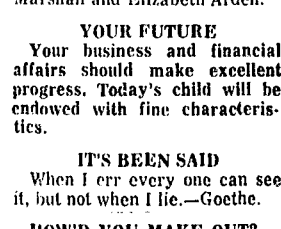
### BORN TODAY

French navigator Jacques Cartier, discoverer of the St. Lawrence River, was born at St. Malo in Brittany in 1491. Of his early life nothing is known.

Cartier headed an expedition of two ships and 61 men from St. Malo in 1534. His mission: find a northwest passage to the East.

The expedition reached Newfoundland on May 10 and entered the strait of Belle Isle. On June 15, Cartier set sail for south side of the strait, leading down almost the whole west coast of Newfoundland.

Heading eastward along the



## DR. COLEMAN

## .. And Speaking Of Your Health

To live to be one hundred years old is a remarkable accomplishment. More and more, because of the wonders of modern medicine, both men and women now frequently attain the title of centenarian.

Unless the added years of longevity are associated with personal happiness and by living in complete dignity, they can be a burden rather than a gift. It is for this reason that social advances must keep pace with scientific progress to add blissful years rather than burdensome ones.

When one attains this wonderful age, a man or woman has the right for a moment at least, to become an authority and explain exactly why it happened. That explanation varies from a life of no tobacco to one that includes 14 cigars a day. It may or may not include a daily pint of ice cream or a daily pint of alcohol. It may also include a diet of special herbs, techniques of cooking and special climates. Whatever the explanation is, the centenarian has the right, for that day at least, to become a medical expert, a social philosopher and a prognosticator for the future.

There need not be any explanation. Rather should there be some evidence that a full life was filled with accomplishment and freed from the forces of fear that interfere with personal productivity, security, and one's contribution to society.

I had the pleasure of interviewing four people who made the turn into the second century and was delighted by their general professional attitudes that all people should live their lives rather than die their lives in fear, conflict and confusion. There seemed to be universal agreement among them that anxious periods in their lives, in the lives of their family, in the lives of our nation, were temporary and could be kept in control if they themselves were not destroyed by that anxiety. One of my favorite responses came from a frail, but intellectual

usually alert woman, who seemed to be starting the second century with great hope for mankind. She felt that living one's life completely is a delicate art since no period in her life was ever free of some problem or the need for important decisions.

There are many who at younger ages believe in the unrealistic attitude that peace of mind and inner security come only by avoiding problems. This is untrue. The real tranquility of emotions comes in a mature way by knowing that problems have existed, do exist, and will always exist. Real security lies in the ability to come face to face with these problems and solve them without hiding in the fantasy that they do not exist.

Confident knowledge that one has solved problems, and will solve the new ones, gives one a great sense of personal security. There is no chronological age for maturity and for the capacity to solve these personal, social and family problems. Within all of us lies a great deal of reserve which when called upon helps carry us over through the periods of stress that might otherwise be unbearable.

I have repeatedly written in my columns that it is no shame to have a psychological problem or an emotional upset in this angry, rushing, frenetic world. When these occur, at any age, they should be brought out into the open and treated with complete honesty, in order to insure the fact that fruitful years will not be burdened by psychological distress. Living to one hundred years can only be happy if one lives to one hundred.

### SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH — Fatigue is nature's warning that it is being overtaxed.

These columns are designed to relieve your fears about health through a better understanding of your mind and body. All the hopeful new advances in medicine reported here are known to doctors everywhere.

Your individual medical problems should be handled by your own doctor. He knows you best.

## JAY BECKER

## Contract Bridge

North dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 75  
♥ A Q J 8  
♦ A J 8  
♣ K 4 3

**WEST**  
♠ 8 4  
♥ 9 7 2  
♦ Q 7 4 3  
♣ Q J 10 6

**EAST**  
♠ 9 6 2  
♥ K 10 8 4  
♦ K 5  
♣ A 9 8 5

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K Q J 10 3  
♥ A 5 3  
♦ 10 6 2  
♣ 7 2

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass  
2♦ Pass 3♣ Pass  
3NT Pass 4♣ Pass

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

Declarer plays a great many hands where he cannot tell at the start how he will eventually fare. The outcome may depend either on how the opponent's cards are divided — whether suits break favorably or attempted finesses succeed — or on how well he or the defenders play their cards.

When declarer has to choose between different methods of play, the element of judgment becomes important. For example, takes this deal where East-West starts with three rounds of clubs, declarer ruffing the third

one. What should South do now? He can put his faith in West's having been dealt the king of hearts, and by taking two heart finesses, make the contract if the king is well placed.

Or he can try his luck in diamonds, finessing against the K-Q. If West has either or both of these cards, dummy's fourth diamond will eventually provide a parking place for a losing heart.

There is a 50 per cent chance that West was dealt the king of hearts, but there is about a 75 per cent chance that West was dealt the king or queen of diamonds, or both.

It follows that declarer should pin his hopes on diamonds. Having determined this, he draws three rounds of trumpsmonds.

When West follows low, declarer finesses the eight. (If the eight wins, South can concede a heart trick to the king and claim the rest.) East wins the eight with the king and returns a club.

Declarer ruffs and leads the ten of diamonds. When it holds, he repeats the finesse and discards a heart on the fourth diamond.

Note that if South's first diamond lead was the ten instead of the deuce, he goes down. After the second round of diamonds he is in the wrong hand and cannot repeat the finesse.

## BENNET CERF

## Try And Stop Me

Most unlikely story of the week comes from a Chicago theater lover who flew to JFK Airport and told a taxi driver there, "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead. Step on it." So the driver took him to Campbell's Funeral Parlor.

Creston Munger would have us know that the greatest baseball pitcher ever produced in northern New York State bore the name of Milt Fama. Milt pitched eleven no-hit games in a single season, and furthermore, his control was so uncanny that he didn't issue a single base on balls in sixty-four consecutive games. A remarkable feat!

Came the last game of the season, however, when Milt was called upon to win the pennant by defeating the opposing nine, tied for the league lead, when the rival manager exuded strange confidence. To the consternation of the home fans, Milt Fama walked the first nine



batters to face him—and down the drain went the champion-ship.

"Nothing to it," boasted the rival manager in the clubhouse later. "I took good old Milt out to dinner last night and conned him into drinking fourteen cans of beer." The manager had saved the cans as proof of his story—and now he proudly exhibited them. "Here," he crowed, "is the beer that made Milt Fama walk us!"

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## ST. JOSEPH REJECTS FACT-FINDER'S REPORT



**RECRUITING FOR CAREERS:** Terry Sanborn, chairman of Operation Native Son, addresses college students at second annual event sponsored by Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce. It is designed to keep home grown talent in the Twin Cities after graduation.

### Mediation Session Set Friday

#### Firemen Will 'Definitely Strike' If No Settlement

A fact-finding report recommending that St. Joseph firemen be granted a \$357 "make-up" pay raise was rejected last night by the St. Joseph city commission.

The move triggered bitter response from the firemen and brought a new threat of a walkout.

Robert Mitchell, president of local 1670 of the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) which represents the firemen, said firemen would "definitely strike" if the dispute with the city is not settled Friday.

#### MEDIATION SESSION

Both sides have been summoned into a mediation session at 10 a.m. Friday by Peter Wilkes of New Buffalo, the state labor mediator handling the two-year-old battle.

Mitchell made it clear that he meant "strike" and not a withdrawal of services in interviews with reporters after the commission session.

"I won't call it a withdrawal of services," he stated. "It will be a strike."

Public employees, such as firemen, are banned by law from striking. If a walkout occurs, the city could seek a court injunction ordering the men back to work or face loss of their jobs, according to City Atty. Arthur G. Preston.

Preston said the rejection did not mean the city would not continue to negotiate with the union local.

The city is willing and available to continue talks, Preston said.

#### UNANIMOUS VOTE

The commission action came in roll call vote with one commissioner, C. A. Tobias Jr., absent. The vote was unanimous.

Last week, the commission had postponed action to allow more time for study. The firemen, at that time, suspended a threat of a walkout unless the report was rejected.

Commissioner William Rill said, in sponsoring the move,



**ISSUES FIREMEN'S STATEMENT:** St. Joseph Fireman Joseph Mitchell, vice president of Local 1670 of the International Association of Fire Fighters which represents the city firemen, reads a two and a half page prepared statement to the St. Jo-

seph city commission last night after the commission rejected a fact-finder's report. The report recommended firemen be granted a \$357 "make-up" pay raise. (Staff photo)

## Many Opportunities Right In Home Town

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### Executive Tells Students

College graduates who are anxious to go out and conquer the world — if they look — will find much that needs to be done in their own home town, a Whirlpool executive said yesterday during "Operation Native Son."

Juel Ranum spoke to some 170 college students and representatives from 24 participating industries and schools at a luncheon at the Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce's second "Operation Native Son" held at the Statler Hilton Inn.

The event is intended to induce college students to find careers in the Twin Cities area.

He said exciting things are happening in the Twin Cities and asked the students to be part of them.

"We have rebuilt and are rebuilding entire sections of our once seedy downtown areas,"

#### CITES PROGRESS

He named as progress the formation of the Area Resources Improvement Council (ARIC), the community school system and the finding of jobs for hundreds of workers once termed as "unemployable."

There is a new spirit, a new outlook and a new direction, he declared.

Ranum also told of problems: "You don't have to travel to Watts, Harlem or Detroit to find hungry children, hate, bigotry and lack of understanding," said Ranum. These exist right here.

"The problem and the opportunities for you to spend part of your zest and energy, while world-wide, are right here in Berrien county, 'in spades,'" Ranum said in challenging the students.

"We ask that before you set sail for the great beyond that you take a good look at your home part and the contribution you can make. If those surveys have any element of truth, you'll grab the reins of opportunity."

#### ECONOMIC BALANCE

Ranum said the economy of Berrien county is built on a balance of industry, agriculture and resort business. This is a happy combination that brings many dividends, he said. But Berrien county also has its problems.

One of the problems, he said, is the "conglomeration of cities, townships and villages that strangle growth with a hodge-podge of laws and facilities that inflates woeful inconsistencies in utility services, transportation

and police and fire protection for our citizens."

"We have had and still have problems in leadership," Ranum said. "Many of the leaders could not see beyond the borders of their own municipalities or above the walls of their own special interests."

Ranum is Whirlpool executive affairs.

Representatives of participating industries interviewed the students on career opportunities.

### Vandalism Reported At BH School

Orville Hobdy, 52, custodian of the Morton Hill school annex, Forest avenue and Territorial road, discovered vandalism in the school yesterday. Benton Harbor police reported. Patrolman Robert Wohler said two fire extinguishers had been emptied, several desks had been overturned and paper was scattered around. A couple of windows also were broken.

### Tavern Owner Fined By Liquor Control Unit

Leonid Sakovski, owner of Lenny's Brooklyn tavern, 379 Territorial road, Benton Harbor, was fined \$50 this month by the Michigan Liquor Control commission, for being intoxicated on the premises.

Sakovski was found guilty of the charge in a hearing held at Kalamazoo before the commission. Sakovski was charged with being a licensee intoxicated on the premises Sept. 12.



**FIRST OF 1968:** Michael Richard Arend, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Arend, Second street, Baroda, was the first baby born at St. Joseph's Memorial Hospital as 1968 began. He weighed in at 6 pounds, 10½ ounces at 2:55 a. m. Jan. 1. The picture of the baby and mother was taken soon afterward. (Staff photo)

### IN ST. JOE DISPUTE

## BH Firemen Won't Cross 'Picket Line'

Benton Harbor firemen last night voted not to provide service to St. Joseph if St. Joseph firemen withdraw their services in a labor dispute.

The firemen in a prepared statement said: "At this time and at pending conditions Local 685, Benton Harbor Fire Fighters Association, will not respond to any call of fire assistance by St. Joseph after Local 1670 of the St. Joseph Fire Fighters Association withdraws services."

Issued by James Collis, president of the Benton Harbor local, the statement said the union deplored the action of St. Joseph and its city manager in the dispute.

The pledge not to respond in case of a walkout was the second. Benton township firemen voted two weeks ago to withhold their services to St. Joseph under such circumstances.

The statement said the local was in total sympathy to the St. Joseph firemen's position.



**A YEAR LATER:** This is the way Michael looks now, a year later. First born of Mr. and Mrs. Arend, Michael is now beginning to walk. (Staff photo)

### 'Haven't Applied At Lakeshore'

#### Stacey Comments On Job Rumors

Lionel J. Stacey, principal of Benton Harbor high school, today commented on rumors that have him under consideration for superintendent of the Lakeshore school district.

"I have not talked with the Lakeshore board of education, and the board of education has not talked with me, and I have not applied for the Lakeshore job," said Stacey.

He added that "anyone would be foolish to overlook an opportunity in a growing district like Lakeshore."

#### NO ONE APPLIES

Ben Nye, president of the Lakeshore board, was in Cananda today. However, Gerald Howard, board secretary, said:

"I personally have not talked to Mr. Stacey, and to my knowledge, no one has applied for the position."

Howard said the usual procedure is to get recommendations from college placement bureaus for consideration by the board.

The Lakeshore board Dec. 20 accepted the immediate resignation of Edward Stafinski as superintendent and authorized payment on the balance of his \$17,500 annual contract. Assistant Superintendent William Galbreath was named acting superintendent until a permanent successor is hired.

### St. Joe Patient Is Transferred

James R. (Bob) Farnum, 1918 Lakeshore drive, St. Joseph, has been transferred from Memorial hospital to Edward Hines Hospital, 8500 West Roosevelt road, Illinois, Ill. (80141). He is in Ward E-3, room 335.

## BH Fire Department Not Hurt By Move

Benton Harbor City Manager Don Stewart last night gave assurance that assigning five veteran firefighters to duty as housing inspectors will not weaken fire protection.

Stewart commented in response to a question by Commissioner F. Joseph Plaugh who said he was concerned about replacing experienced with rookie firefighters.

Stewart said he previously had considered the effect and had been assured by Fire Chief Ralph Hetherington that the

assignment could be handled without a loss in firefighting efficiency.

#### NEW SET UP

A new housing inspection bureau starts operating within the fire department Wednesday. It is headed by Capt. Richard Nichols, the fire marshal, and manned by five firemen. Housing inspection formerly was handled by a two-man civilian team through the building inspection department.

The firemen turned housing inspectors will be subject to fire

call in emergencies. No more than one of the recruits will be on duty at the same time, Stewart explained. They have been hired at different times over the past four months and are not totally raw recruits.

"Great wisdom has been shown by the chief," in the way the assignments were handled," Stewart told the commission.

The new housing inspectors have had 60 days in-service training that included legal aspect. Stewart said their experience in firefighting and public relations should be assets

for inspection duties and an aid in seeking voluntary compliance with the laws and holding legal action to a minimum.

One of the civilian inspectors has taken a job in South Haven and the other has been offered another position.

Housing inspectors are charged with enforcing local and state laws and the city's new code on rental units. The building inspection department has authority over new construction and remodeling and jobs by plumbing, heating and electrical trades.

#### NO EXCEPTIONS

Mayor Wilbert Smith said

that other property owners had complied, and exceptions shouldn't be made.

A public hearing was scheduled for Jan. 20 on removing the setback requirement for property zoned D-1 commercial except where it abuts a residential zone, in that case residential setback will take precedent.

Purchase of a new fire truck was delayed pending further study of bids.

Commissioners expressed their wishes for a happy New Year to citizens.

### Lakeshore Club Will Collect Trees

Lakeshore key club will conduct its annual Christmas tree pickup Sunday, Mike Stump, chairman of the project, announced today.

The Lakeshore Key clubbers will start out about noon, Stump said, and work until dark. They will cover the Stevensville-Baroda area and all of the subdivisions in the Lakeshore school district. The trees will be dumped in one big pile and set afire, Stump said.

Residents should leave their trees alongside of their streets.

### How To Get Rid Of That Yule Tree

Persons wishing Benton Harbor high school students to pick up discarded Christmas trees were reminded today to telephone 925-2782 or 925-9915 before Thursday. The students, who will make the pickup Thursday, are undertaking the work to raise funds for projects.

### Man Arrested When Unable To Pay Motel

Charles Briggs, 37, was arrested yesterday on a charge of defrauding an innkeeper, when he allegedly was unable to pay a \$41.86 bill at the Statler Hilton Inn.

Police said Briggs, who gave no other address than Kansas, was arrested after a man checked into the inn under the name of Dr. Steve Wyman, Denver, Colo. Innkeeper Allen Carter told police he became suspicious when the Merchants' Credit Bureau did not list the name of a Dr. Wyman from Denver.

ST. JOSEPH, MICH., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1968

## ROMNEY'S DEPARTURE TOP MICHIGAN STORY

Epitome Of JP's  
Hangs Up GavelAllegan 'Judge' Looks Back  
On Long Career

ALLEGAN—The phone's been ringing more often than usual in the Allegan township home of Otto Schmitz.

Some of his callers have heard that Schmitz will be stepping down after 40 years as the township's justice of the peace and they've been asking him not to.

Of course, Schmitz is not alone. All of Michigan's justices of the peace will be closing their dockets as the year ends, to be replaced by the new system of district courts provided for under the state's 1962 Constitution.

## HEARS BOTH SIDES

But those who have been

urging Schmitz to reconsider don't realize this. All they know is that they are losing an understanding judge who has always been willing to listen to "their side" and take the time and trouble to explain the intricacies of the law in everyday language.

With nearly 40 years as a "JP" behind him, Schmitz is the dean of the state's justices of the peace.

Long active in the affairs of the Michigan Justice of the Peace Association, he served on this board of directors for 14 years, with two terms as president, in 1959 and 1960.

He was deeply involved in the state-wide effort to upgrade Michigan's lowest courts in the late 1950's when the system was under fire from the press and the bar. The critical campaign which reached its peak during that period produced the new system of district courts now going into effect, but it also resulted in sweeping changes in the justice courts, changes for which Judge Schmitz and others of like mind were largely responsible.

Under his lead the state association began a program of certification of justices. The written examination for certification "wasn't exactly easy," according to Schmitz, and re-

New Buffalo  
Sells Water  
Plant BondsFHA, Two Detroit  
Firms Are Buyers

NEW BUFFALO — City councilmen in a special meeting Monday night sold \$1,082,000 in bonds to a pair of Detroit firms and the Federal Housing Administration to pay for New Buffalo's new water system.

City officials reported winners were the FHA with a bid of 4 1/2 per cent for 40 years for \$850,000 in revenue bonds; and a bid of 5.4 per cent for 17 years on \$232,000 in general obligation bonds from Kenower and McArthur Co. and Manley, Bennett and McDonald Co., both of Detroit.

The new treatment plant, using Lake Michigan water, and distribution system is expected to be finished in 1969. Higher water rates effective in January are expected to pay off the bonds.

The new system will replace an insufficient well system.

## ONLY BIDDERS

Bid winners were the only parties bidding, officials said. Construction will start after an okay of the sale by Detroit bonding attorneys Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone.

Contracts for the three phases of construction already have been let. Leudtke Engineering Co. of Frankfort won a contract for marine work. Layne-Northwestern Co. of Mishawaka, Ind., won the contract for an intake from the edge of Lake Michigan to the pumping station, and the Knapp Construction Co. of Rochester, Ind., won the contract for the pumping station and filtration plant.

Engineer for the project is Clyde E. Williams Associates of South Bend, Ind.

New increased water rates okayed in July will take effect with January water bills, according to city officials. Minimums are up from an old \$1.75 per 3,000 gallon a month to \$2.50.

After the first 3,000 gallons the rate is \$1.45 per 1,000 up to 10,000 gallons.

The water system cost was first estimated in April 1965 at \$750,000, but rising labor and material costs have driven the price up.

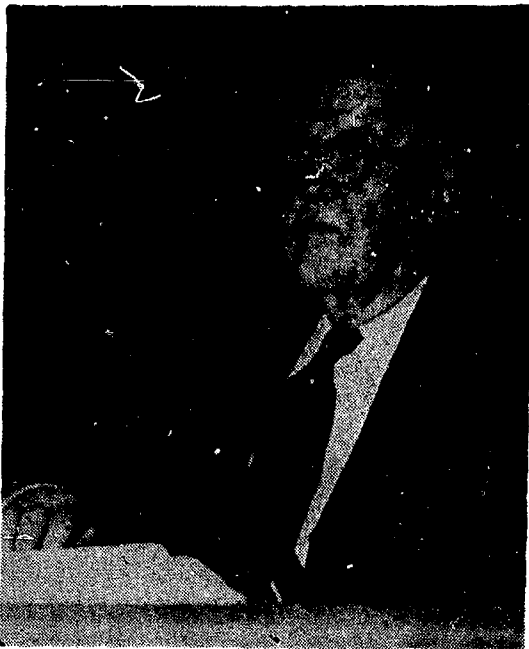
## \$400 WORTH

Thieves Get  
Big Haul  
Of Liquor

BUCHANAN — Liquor, reported valued at about \$400 and earmarked for a New Year's Eve celebration, has been stolen from Orchard Hills country club, just east of here.

Niles State police said entry was gained probably over the past weekend by cutting a porch screen and then breaking a door to the liquor storage room, adjacent to the porch. Police said the theft was discovered at 10 a.m. Monday by a club caretaker, John Weaver of Niles.

According to police, the exact number of cases and type of liquor taken have not been completely itemized. The theft remains under investigation.



DEAN OF JUSTICES: Justice Otto Schmitz sits on bench in Allegan county courthouse where he frequently held court. Schmitz, a justice nearly 40 years, is believed to be dean of Michigan JP's.

calls that in one group of JP's taking the test there were three attorneys. "They all flunked," he remembers with a certain amount of relish.

Also during his term as state president, the association instituted spring and fall seminars for justices to keep them up to date on changes in the law and court procedures. Judge Schmitz served as an instructor in both civil and criminal matters.

This period also produced a system of simplified, comprehensive forms of justice court record-keeping and Schmitz was a member of the committee which helped to develop the new system.

One of the common charges brought to bear on JP's in those days was "comingling." This simply meant that justices were mixing court and personal funds

in the same pocket or bank account. In those times, Schmitz says, it was almost unavoidable, "but a lot of fine men were given a black eye as a result." The new records system virtually eliminated this problem.

Schmitz's efforts in behalf of state justices were recognized in seven annual "certificates of appreciation" presented by the state association. He also helped organize the Fourth District Justice of the Peace Association which served Allegan, Barry, Ottawa, Kent and Muskegon counties. He was elected president of the district group three times.

## HE'S ASKED FIRST

He took his duties just as seriously at the local level. In recent years he has provided instruction for every new justice of the peace taking office in Allegan county and he's usually been the first to be called when they encounter some legal question new to them.

Throughout 40 years on the bench, Schmitz has retained a deep faith in human nature. Down through the years he has trusted many to return with money for fines, which he would have to pay out of pocket if they failed him, and he can't recall a single instance when they didn't come back.

Once, he thought he might be out of pocket for a drunk and disorderly fine. A Mexican farm worker was allowed to go back to his job to earn enough for his fine. That was the last Schmitz heard from him, until the following spring. It seems that the man's mother had died in Mexico shortly after he had appeared before Schmitz and he had gone home for the funeral. But he came back the next year and paid his fine and costs from his first pay check.

Schmitz also recalls the time three Chicago boys were arrested for fishing without licenses at a nearby lake. Between them they didn't have enough to pay their fines, so Schmitz assigned them some work around the house and yard to earn the money. His wife, Carlotta, loaned them enough to get home again. The loan was repaid soon after the boys got back to Chicago.

The end of his career as a justice will not bring complete retirement for Schmitz. A partner in the Allegan and Great Lakes Casket Companies, founded by his father, until the factory was destroyed by fire 10 years ago, Schmitz will continue to serve as a salesman for the Crown and Royal Casket Company, of Zealand, and M & S Teraflex Company, Pinconning, even though he marked his 70th birthday last Nov. 14.

A veteran of World War I, Schmitz was well known in his youth as a boxer. In 1919 he won the state amateur welterweight championship and later, in one of his last fights, went on to defeat Chief Gatchen, of Mount Pleasant, then the professional state champion. He voluntarily ended his career in the ring 48 years ago when he and Carlotta were married.

Afterward he was active in organizing amateur boxing in Allegan county under YMCA sponsorship. Several good fighters came from this program, including one of the first Michigan Golden Gloves champions, Martin Levandowski, of Wayland.

## STORY HOUR

GALLEN — Story Hour will be held at the Gallen township library on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. Mrs. Esther Cook will tell about "January Shows."

New Era  
Beginning  
For StateHere's Roundup  
Of 1968's Biggest  
Events In Lansing

By JIM NICHOLS

Associated Press Writer

LANSING (AP) — Call it the changing of the guard, or call it the end of an era. The all-but-final departure of Gov. George Romney after six years in the statehouse ranks among the top Lansing news stories of 1968.

Romney, virtually certain to resign late next Monday and turn over the government to Lt. Gov. William Milliken, was, of course, named secretary of housing and urban development in the administration of President-elect Nixon.

The move has governmental and political implications which will largely shape capital developments in the coming year.

But there were other major developments in the seat of Michigan's government.

The same Nov. 5 election which headed Nixon toward the White House, Romney toward Washington and Milliken toward the top state job, also yielded a Democratic sweep in Michigan. Democrats seized the State House of Representatives, put all eight of their education board candidates into office and saw their man oust a Republican-nominated incumbent from the State Supreme Court.

## BOND ISSUES PASS

Two major bond issues totaling \$435 million were approved by voters during 1968 while a proposal to legalize graduated income taxes was rejected. Daylight Savings Time apparently was rejected, but we won't know for sure until completion of a recount next month.

Getting the word from the U.S. Supreme Court, Michigan's judiciary ordered one-man, one-



PARTY FOR BEA: Among an estimated 200 well-wishers at a retirement party Monday for Register of Deeds Beatrice Chapman (right) were her sisters from Bay City, Eleanore Thompson (left) and Marian Dammon. Mrs. Chapman's husband, James, is present, too. Party was held in third-floor supervisors room, county courthouse, and friends presented Mrs. Chapman a silver serving tray. She's worked for the county 17 years, including eight years as register of deeds. (Staff photo)

vote reapportionment for the state's 83 counties, creating a glut of lawsuits and headaches for elections officials.

The State Supreme Court got smaller during the year while the State Court of Appeals got bigger. The Legislature added three appellate judges, making 12, while the high court shrank from eight justices to seven with the resignation of Theodore Souris, a Democrat.

Under the State Constitution, the Supreme Court vacancy was not filled—leaving the court permanently at seven members. The uneven number, it was hoped, will result in fewer court deadlocks.

Democrats carried Michigan for Hubert Humphrey and their state of 21 electors cast the

state's electoral vote for the vice president. But elector Zoltan Ferency, a backer of Sen. Eugene McCarthy, balked at voting for Humphrey and resigned from the Electoral College.

Democrats returned from the stormy national convention at Chicago bitterly divided. Skillful managing by State Party Chairman Sander Levin helped put them back together at the fall state convention in Grand Rapids.

Winning the State House split the chamber's Democratic caucus three ways momentarily in a leadership fight. But this month the new majority party took a step toward unity, rallying behind their leader — Rep. William Ryan of Detroit—and a balanced leadership slate representing all the major party factions.

## REBELS TOSSED OUT

Secretary of State James Hare, before the Chicago convention, purged his staff of aides who wouldn't support Humphrey.

Before the November election he issued an impassioned warning that radical groups might use violence to disrupt the election. Romney and Atty. Gen. Frank Kelley hastened to undercut him. There was no violence election day, and Hare said his warning was partly responsible.

The Legislature approved several pieces of significant legislation. They reorganized the state's lower court system, outlawed racial and religious discrimination in housing and legalized Sunday liquor sales, to name a few.

They also kept in committee a measure which would have given an estimated \$21 million in state money to parents with children in nonpublic schools, even though backers of the measure deluged some of them with mail. That issue will return in 1969.

Romney and Kelley petitioned for and got a one-man grand jury probe of the State Highway Department, accused of making large and illegal payments in the past to favored contractors. Juror Marvin Salmon, an Ingham County circuit judge, this month gave his investigation a six-month extension. There have been no indictments to date.

Notable deaths during the year included former Republican Gov. Wilbur Brucker, veteran State Rep. Charles Davis, R-Onondaga, retired state high school athletic director Charles Forsythe and executive director Don Weeks of the Greater Michigan Foundation.

Voters approved a new state commission to set salaries of top state officers. The nine-member body rejected pay raise proposals, but voted expense allowance increases which could total \$400,000 a year.

## INSURANCE POOL

Lawmakers created a state insurance pool for riot-threatened areas, passed a host of anti-crime and anti-riot bills, set up procedures for aiding school districts which go broke, ordered fluoridation of most drinking water, and authorized impoundment of the cars of those who drive without licenses.

Planning for a new capitol building continued. Traffic fatalities set an all-time state record. Lansing trucking executive Howard Sober offered his \$260,000 home as a gift to the state for use as an executive mansion.

State Police  
Corporal  
To RetireEckloff Ends  
29-Year Career

CPL. CLARENCE ECKLOFF

PAW PAW — State Police Cpl. Clarence E. Eckloff will retire next month after a 29-year career with the department, broken only by Army duty during World War II. He has served at the Paw Paw post since 1952.

Eckloff, 51, said he has plans for another type of work in the future, but these are not yet completed. His retirement becomes effective Jan. 14.

Eckloff was promoted from trooper to corporal when he came to the Paw Paw post. He joined the department in 1939, serving for one year at the Flint post before being transferred to Cadillac.

In 1942, Eckloff entered the Army and served as a sergeant in the South Pacific until his discharge in 1945.

Eckloff said he rejoined the state police soon after his Army discharge and was assigned to the Gaylord post. He served there until coming to Paw Paw.

Eckloff and his wife, Josephine, are the parents of two daughters, Mary Jo, 18, a student at Michigan State university; and Betsy Ann, 15, a student at Paw Paw high school. The family resides in Paw Paw. Eckloff said he plans to remain in southwestern Michigan.

## PAW PAW

Are Cattle  
Rustlers  
At Work?

PAW PAW — The theft of at least two head of cattle from the Edward Rumsey farm, route 4, Kalamazoo, was investigated yesterday by Paw Paw state police who said one of the animals had been slaughtered and dressed out in the field.

Police said the slaughtered animal was a 650-pound yearling Holstein, valued by the owner at \$125. Reported missing from the herd was an 11-month-old Holstein steer, weighing 400 pounds.

Candidate Seeks  
Ambulance StudySouth Haven Service Seen  
As Inadequate

SOUTH HAVEN—A new proposal to place an ambulance service in the city was presented to City Manager Albert Pierce and the city council yesterday by council candidate Tom Renner.

Renner, who is running unopposed on the Republican ticket for second ward alderman, issued a letter to Pierce in which he urged him "to undertake a study of the present (ambulance) system and the implications of a locally based, city-operated ambulance with the fire and police chiefs."

## CALLED INADEQUATE

"I am not convinced that the current county ambulance is in South Haven's best interest," Renner's letter continued. "Please do not construe this to be a criticism of the Van Buren County-Sheriff department because I feel they are doing a creditable job considering their task, but I do not believe this program is providing our community with adequate protection."

Renner noted that he felt a city the size of South Haven needed "full-time service" with an ambulance stationed here. "I am aware, as I know you are, of several unfortunate incidents when the present roving ambulance was not immediately accessible when needed in our community," Renner said.

It was the second time since the Van Buren ambulance plan went into effect in June, 1967, that an ambulance service has been suggested for South Haven. A citizens group attempted unsuccessfully to organize a volunteer ambulance service that summer.

## HOPKINS

Rites Set For  
Prominent  
Physician

ALLEGAN — Funeral services for Dr. Bert VanderKolk, 65, prominent Hopkins and Allegan county physician, will be held Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the Switek funeral home, Hopkins. Burial will be in Poplar Hill cemetery, Monterey township.

Dr. VanderKolk died of cancer Sunday in Droste-Ferguson hospital, Grand Rapids. He had retired from practice in 1967 because of illness.

A general practitioner at Hopkins he was on the original staff of the Allegan Health center when it opened and had served as chief of staff several times. He served 11 years as radiologist for all hospitals in Allegan county before illness forced his retirement last year.

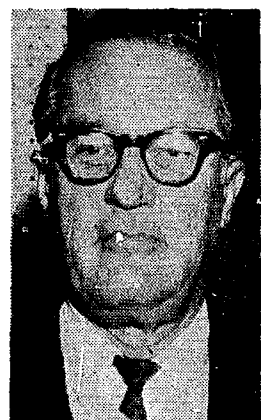
He had served as president of the Allegan County Medical society, Red Cross and Cancer society.

Three Oaks  
Incumbents  
Unopposed

THREE OAKS — Only incumbent officers filed nominating petitions for re-election to village offices in Three Oaks by the deadline Monday.

No Democrats filed petitions. No primary election will be necessary and the regular election will be held on March 10.

Republicans filing petitions were James Hausmann, who will seek his fifth term as village president; Mrs. Gertrude Miller, clerk; Herbert J. Flick, treasurer; Charles Vollman, assessor; and Dr. Lester F. Knight, Keith Gridley and Chester Decker, trustees on the village council.



MATTHEW GOERG

easy give-away stuff. I think the city of South Haven should be run on the same principal as business using sound business procedures. Consequently, this means holding taxes to a minimum."

The candidate said he also pledged that he would not be a "penny pincher" but he felt that better analysis of city problems should be made before money is spent.

Goerg added that he felt the city was wrong in getting in the marine business and suggested that it would be better for the city to sell its river front property to private enterprise for marina development because the property would then be taxable.

Niles Police  
Officer  
Promoted

NILES — Niles Police Sgt. Robert Graham, 41, a veteran of 17 years on the city police force here, was promoted to the rank of captain yesterday.

He succeeds Capt. Rayford Crocker, who earlier this month was appointed chief of police to replace retiring Chief Herbert Block, starting next month.

Members of the Niles Board of Public Safety, which fills police vacancies and appoints promotions, is to meet this afternoon to fill the sergeant's post. Graham was night desk sergeant.

Graham is married and the father of a daughter. The family resides at 1642 Sycamore street, Niles.

Three Seats  
On Council  
Have RacesFiling Deadline  
At South Haven

SOUTH HAVEN — Local businessman Matthew "Matt" Goerg, 60, 280 Oak street, yesterday announced his candidacy for third ward alderman as deadline arrived for filing of petitions.

Goerg thus became the last candidate to file, creating a third race for five expiring council terms. He is filing as a "conservation Democrat" and will challenge incumbent Republican Lester Pond in the April election.

The other two races will be between Third Ward Alderman Irving Tucker, a Democrat, and former alderman Richard Lewis, a Republican, seeking the post of mayor; and residents Douglas Wattrick and Alvin Novak, both Republicans, for first ward alderman, four year term.

Novak and Wattrick will battle for the party nomination to succeed incumbent Donald McGuire, who is not seeking reelection. Mayor Glenn Sperry and second ward alderman Marion White are also stepping down.

## RENNER UNOPPOSED

Unopposed candidates are Tom Renner, a Republican seeking White's job in the second ward, and incumbent first ward alderman William Pearson, who will be seeking a short two-year term. Pearson was appointed this year to fill McDonald, who resigned.

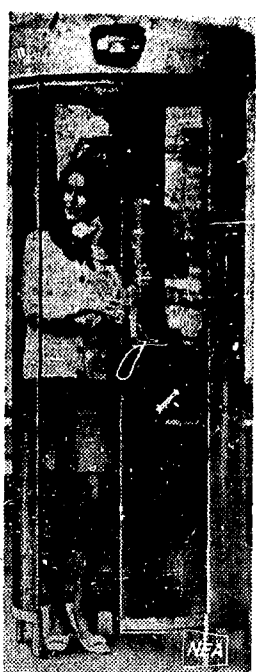
Goerg, the owner of Goerg Marine, Inc., located at South Haven and Michigan City, Ind., says he is seeking his first elective office because he has had 35 years of experience in business and feels he has acquired some knowledge about finance and meeting the public that will be helpful.

"I don't think the council is thinking thoroughly enough on these big vital decisions," Goerg said "and it has had a bad attitude. They are saying 'I'll vote on it, it's good for the city. I don't think the people should be ignored.'"

## FATHER LIKE SON

Goerg said he is running as a Democrat because his father was a Democrat. Goerg said he will not "go far this free and





## Man Found Innocent In Shooting

DETROIT (AP) — A Recorder's Court jury found a 24-year-old Detroit man innocent Monday night of first degree murder charges in the death of a young Negro following a drinking party in Rouge Park in June 1967. The ruling came in the case of Michael Polchlopek, a former gas station manager, accused of slaying Daniel Thomas, 24, who suffered a bullet wound in the head while trying to fight off tormentors. Thomas and his wife, Louise, 28, were attacked near a park recreation building.

## Ludington Water Bonds Approved

LANSING (AP)—The City of Ludington has been authorized by the State Municipal Finance Commission to issue more than \$1.32 million in general obligation and special assessment bonds.

The funds are to be used to pay part of the cost of building and improving the city water supply system.

### HOLIDAY VISIT

GANGES — Mrs. Ida Halest of Ganges is spending the holidays with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Cameron of Jackson.

### LEGAL

NOTICE  
ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING  
The Annual Meeting of the shareholders of the PEOPLES SAVINGS ASSOCIATION Benton Harbor, Michigan, pursuant to its by-laws will be held at the office of the Association, 115 West Main Street, Benton Harbor, Michigan on January 20, 1969 at 1:30 P.M. for the purpose of amending the Articles of the Association, its By-Laws, election of Directors and for such other business as may properly come before a Shareholders Meeting.

Bertha L. Durren  
Secretary  
Dec. 31, 1968, Jan. 6, 1969.  
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## Climbers Forced To Turn Back

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — Sub-zero temperatures and 80-mile-an-hour winds have delayed attempts by a group of mountaineers to scale the 13,766-foot Grand Teton Peak.

Twenty-seven climbers including three women were forced to turn back Monday after going only 300 yards. They returned to a base camp established Sunday night at Moose Meadows, a sheltered area just below timberline.

## Ohio U. Chief To Miss Game

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio State University President Novice W. Cavett won't make the "traveling team" for this year's trip to the Rose bowl.

A university spokesman said Cavett who has been ill with the flu the past few days, is following doctor's orders and will not attend the game in Pasadena, Calif., on New Year's day.

### Wreck Identified

WAILUKU, MAUI ISLAND, Hawaii (AP) — Wreckage spotted high in the West Maui Mountains was positively identified Monday as that of a Piper Cherokee 6, with six people aboard, missing since last Sept. 23 on a flight from Honolulu to Hilo, Hawaii.

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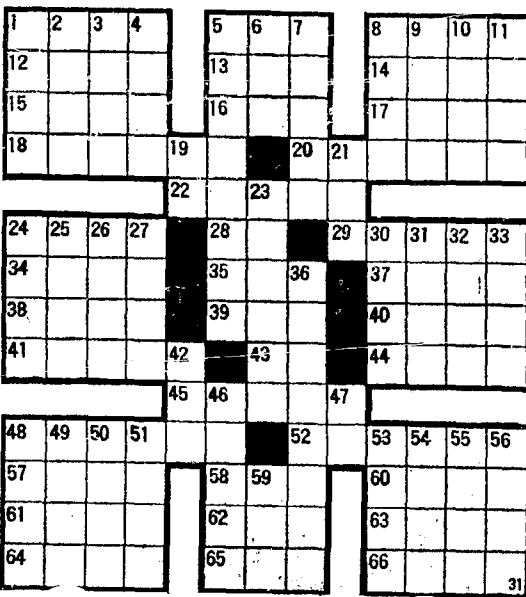
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1 Feminine appellation  
5 Upset  
8 Burrowing mammal  
12 Cry of beechanals  
13 Guido's note  
14 Retired for the night  
15 Aquatic carnivore  
16 Legal point  
17 Fork prong  
18 Greater in height  
20 Bed canopy  
22 Ocean vessel  
24 Fountain concoction  
28 Exist  
29 Boxes  
34 Ireland  
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37 Toward the sheltered side  
38 The dill

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1 For fear that  
2 Iris layer  
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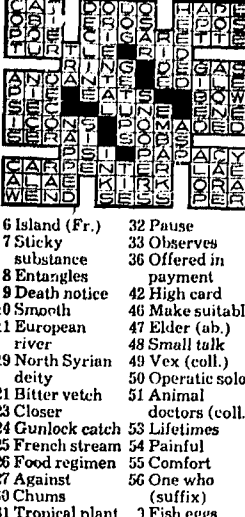
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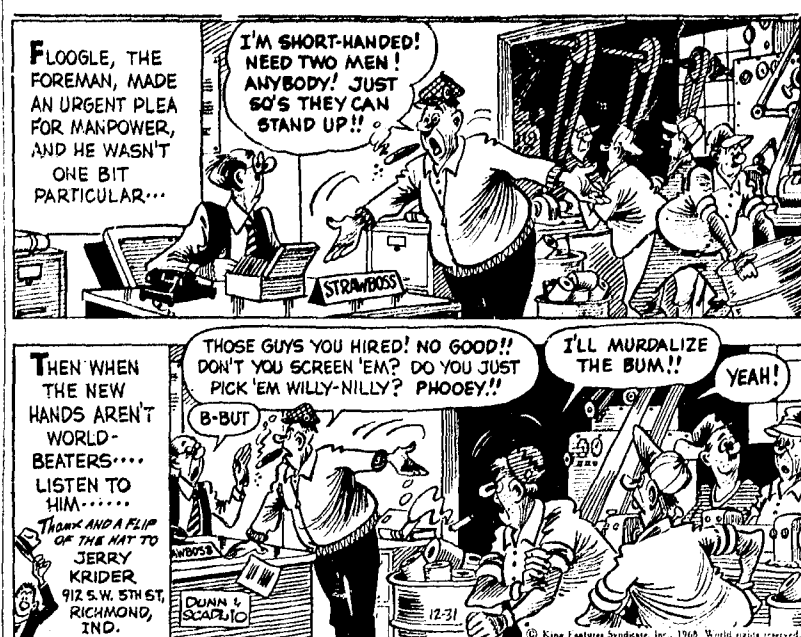
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